

- (v) Provision has been made in the III Plan for increasing agricultural production particularly of foodgrains.
- (vi) Two Centrally sponsored schemes one for organisation of Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Urban areas with a population of 50,000 and above and another for distribution of consumer articles in rural areas through Co-operative Marketing Societies are under implementation.
- (vii) According to the decision taken by the Government of India, steps have been and are being taken to set up Fair Price Shops in Industrial Undertakings employing more than 300 workers.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

#### Re: Prevalence of Small-Pox in Bangalore City

† Sri K. DEVAIAH (Srirampuram).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the prevalence of small pox in Bangalore City.

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—Sir, the attack phase of the National Small-pox Eradication was undertaken in Bangalore City from 11th March 1963 to 17th July 1963. From 17th July 1963 up to 31st March 1964, mopping up operations were undertaken. During this period, out of 8,15,803 enumerated population, 37,776 primary and 36,4,157 re-vaccinations (6,71,933 vaccinations) were conducted giving a coverage of 82.3 per cent.

The Bangalore City Corporation authorities were requested to implement the obligations of the Maintenance phase of the National Small-pox Eradication Programme in the City from 1st April 1964, by appointing one Vaccinator for every 20,000 population in the Corporation limits. At present, there are 28 Vaccinators appointed by the Corporation who are doing vaccination work as a routine. On the basis of the abovementioned criteria, the Corporation is required to appoint 37 more Vaccinators. The question is already under the consideration of the Corporation. However, during emergencies, 63 Junior Health Inspectors of the Corporation are also drafted for vaccination work. 30 Basic Health Workers of the Public Health Department are also utilised for doing vaccination work. Besides, there are 20 Domiciliary Midwives of the Corporation who are doing vaccinations since the last two months.

Since 17th July 1963, when the attack phase of the National Small-pox Eradication Programme was completed in Bangalore City, there was very little incidence of small-pox up to the end of October 1965. Incidence of small-pox has started from November 1965 but

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since the commencement of February, the incidence is on the decline. From January 1965 up to the end of February 1966 in the City Corporation area, there have been 487 attacks with 119 deaths due to small-pox. Cases were shifted to the Isolation Hospital, Bangalore and were satisfactorily treated.

From April 1964 to the end of December 1964, 93,548 vaccinations have been conducted in the Corporation limits. From January 1965 up to the end of December, 1965, 4,02,947 vaccinations have been conducted. Vaccinations and re-vaccinations are continuing.

Most of the small-pox cases in Bangalore City have occurred in slums among labour population who are migratory in nature. The areas and localities are as follows:

- 1 Subrahmanya Nagara-near Kethamaranahalli.
- 2 Srirampuram.
- 3 Certain congested parts of Rajajinagar.
- 4 Certain areas of Malleswaram on either side of the Metre Gauge Railway Line.
- 5 Honnarpet of Sonnenahalli.
- 6 Hanumanthanagar.
- 7 Kodandaramapura.
- 8 Around the Cantonment Market.

The vaccination work is mainly concentrated in these areas. People exposed to risk are being protected.

For undertaking vaccination in Bangalore City, freeze dried vaccine is being freely supplied.

SRI K. DEVAIAH.—The Minister was pleased to state that small-pox is on the decline. It is not so. Yesterday, there were 2 deaths. Day before yesterday, there were 2 deaths and the day previous to it, there were 2 deaths. These figures have been collected by me from the records in the burial ground at Srirampuram. Vaccination is not at all being carried out. Will the Minister be pleased to see that intensive vaccination is carried out and at the same time will he verify whether the vaccine provided is of good quality?

SRI K. NAGAPPA ALVA.—I have explained all these things in detail. Generally speaking, the incidence is on the decline. There is no doubt about that. As I said already, wherever there is incidence of small-pox vaccination is undertaken and we will see that vaccine is supplied. Particularly, this freeze dried vaccine is considered to be the best and it is being supplied freely. There is no difficulty at all for these things. Every attempt is being made to cover the entire population.

Mr. SPEAKER.—But in view of the special fact that Session is going on, will the Minister kindly consider the additional responsibility he carries on his shoulders to see that the health of Bangalore City is maintained at the highest level and see that something is done for it. It may be on record that something has been supplied, but a little further probe will not do any harm. He may kindly have it done.

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA.—It will be done. That assurance I have given and I am giving the same assurance once again.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವಯ್ಯನವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಅಂಕಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಬಹಳ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆ. ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಪುನಃ ವರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡಿ ನೋಡುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು. ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ದಿನ ಪರದಿ ಮಾಡಿದರು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಬೇಕು. ನಿನ್ನೆ, ಮೊನ್ನೆ, ಅಚೆಮೊನ್ನೆ ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ ಇಬ್ಬರಂತೆ ಒಂದೇ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲೇ ಸತ್ತಿರುವವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ರಿಕಾರ್ಡನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ದೇವಯ್ಯನವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಾದರಿಂದ ಇದು ಕೇವಲ ಸಣ್ಣ ವಿಷಯವಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಪುನಃ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ನಡೆದಿರುವ ಸಂಗತಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಅವ್ವ.—ಈ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಒಂದೆರಡು ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಅಗತ್ಯವೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರು ಸತ್ಯವಾದ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಸತ್ಯವಾದ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಿಷಯ ತಿಳಿದು ಕೊಂಡೇ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು. ನೆನ್ನೆ ಇಬ್ಬರು, ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಸತ್ತರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಅಂಕಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು ತಪ್ಪೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿ ವರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೂಟಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

#### Demise of Sri V. D. Savarkar—Reference by the Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Very important matter has been embodied in a letter signed by 4 Hon'ble Members without a date desiring me to have a condolence resolution on the sad demise of Sri V. D. Savarkar. They could have very well come and met me in my chamber. What harm is there in doing so ? I come 10 minutes earlier and wait in my chambers to meet the members, if any.

[Interruption by Sri S. Gopala Gowda]

Advice need be tendered when asked.

(Sri S. Gopala Gowda again rose).

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. The Hon'ble Member gives advice that I may do this or do that. He says that I have made it worse. I really feel that the demise of Sri V. D. Savarkar is a great loss to the nation. He is one of the greatest patriots who fought at a time when we were under the British and who (patriots) did things which were really marvellous. He did all that out of love and patriotism for the country and as such, he deserves the highest respect and esteem from us and we must condole his death ; but this is not the way. He not being a member of this House, I cannot move a resolution ; nor can I do this